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ITEM NO: WH-65

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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE DOWNED HELICOPTER

MOSCOW'S STATEMENT ON MAY 2 IS THE THIRD SOVIET PROTEST OVER THE CHINESE DETENTION OF THE DOWNED HELICOPTER AND ITS CREW. THE LANGUAGE IS STILL MODERATE BUT STRONGER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS TWO STATEMENTS. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE GETTING IMPATIENT.

THE CHINESE, AFTER RESPONDING TO THE FIRST SOVIET PROTEST BY CHARGING THAT THE HELICOPTER WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, OFFICIALLY IGNORED THE SECOND NOTE. THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED RUMORS THAT PEKING INTENDS TO TRY THE HELICOPTER CREW AS SPIES. SHOULD CHINA RESPOND BY

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ALL TO THIS THIRD PROTEST, IT IS LIKELY TO REPEAT ITS
CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE AND GIVE NO GROUND.

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